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## Veterans resource available at local posts

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Sen. Allen provides free benefit booklets

**Lansing** – Originally celebrated as Armistice Day, Nov. 11 was an international holiday marking the end of World War I, "The war to end all wars." President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the holiday to Veterans' Day in 1954 to honor those who have served America in all wars.

"Veterans' Day is a day to stop and reflect on the bravery and courage our service men and women have committed for our country," Allen said. "They risked their lives to ensure our freedom."

To assist veterans in answering questions they may have about what services and programs they may qualify for, Allen has supplied copies of the "Veterans Benefits & Services" booklet to every Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion post in the eight county district, each county's Veterans Affairs office, and the VA clinics in Traverse City and Sault Ste. Marie.

This resource explains how to obtain veterans benefits and services from federal, state and local agencies. Subjects range from acquiring a home mortgage, education, employment, and insurances to medical treatment and death benefits.

"Our veterans put their lives on the line for our freedom," Allen said. "Next Tuesday, show your patriotism and thanks by flying the American flag, attending a Veterans' Day service or parade, or just saying thank you to a veteran."

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the "Veterans Benefits & Services" booklet can contact Allen's office toll-free at (866) 525-5637 or by email to <a href="mailto:senjallen@senate.michigan.gov">senjallen@senate.michigan.gov</a>.